

APRIL PROGRESS UPDATES

STEERING COMMITTEE:

The Steering Committee initiated monthly meetings in December 2009 to set the stage for hiring a consultant team and conducting the Fir Island Farm Restoration Feasibility Study. A consultant team lead by Dave Cline of Shannon and Wilson Inc. was selected in March to help WDFW and the Steering Committee conduct the Fir Island Farm Restoration Feasibility Study.

The Steering Committee conducted their April meeting on Friday the 23rd. Dave Cline introduced his consultant team to the Steering Committee. Implementation of the alternative analysis and what factors are important was the focus of considerable discussion. Steering Committee members gave updates on their work relative the feasibility study and snow geese management, agriculture production, and public access. The need for a Cultural Resource Level 1 screening was identified. Data collection for the study was discussed and a strategy for acquiring and installing the necessary instruments explored. Progress on the development of a communication and outreach plan was reviewed and discussed. The next meeting was set for May 28th.

CONSULTANT TEAM:

Dave Cline, Katie Waiter and Per Johnson from Shannon and Wilson attended the April meeting in order to meet the Steering Committee members and to initiate the collaborative working relationship between the consultant team and committee members that will be essential to the success of the feasibility study. During the month of April, Dave and his team worked on compiling existing information relevant to the project site and developing a draft scope of work for the study.